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Sir:

Regarding the Office Action dated 3 April 2001, Applicant responds as follows:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 28, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13, to read as follows:

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Sequence comparisons of the Sp36 encoded protein sequence against the publicly available GenBank sequence database (including the unfinished microbial database) revealed two highly homologous amino acid sequences. One of these was a predicted amino acid sequence from the *S. pyogenes* genome. This predicted polypeptide comprised 825 amino acid residues (MW = 92,616 Da) that was 25.1% identical to the Sp36 amino acid sequence from pneumococcus serotype 4 but maintained the 5 histidine